



**ENGINEER: MECHANICAL**

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## **EDUCATION**

- 1995                   **Master of Business Administration**  
Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Maryland
- 1987                   **Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering**  
West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia
- 1985                   **Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering**  
West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

## **EXPERIENCE**

- March 2016  
to Present           **Engineering Design and Testing Corp.**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**
- Consulting Engineer*  
Specialized consulting in the reconstruction of vehicle accidents involving automobiles and heavy vehicles, the mechanical evaluation of hydraulic and pneumatic braking systems, and the analysis of occupant dynamics. Analyses include accident investigation, acceleration and deceleration of vehicles, failure analysis of vehicle components, analysis of collision speed, and motion analysis of vehicles and occupants. Data recovery from sensing and diagnostic modules. Mechanical evaluation of damage to machinery, equipment, components, and systems including origin and cause, damage assessment, repair/reconstruction monitoring, and safety program and procedure assessment.
- February 2011  
to March 2016      **Engineering Design & Testing Corp.**  
**Charleston, West Virginia**
- January 2007  
to May 2010       **Alliant Techsystems**  
**Rocket Center, West Virginia**
- Production Program Manager*  
Production management of tactical rocket motors and warheads. Coordinated cross functional groups consisting of quality, safety and environmental, production and manufacturing, material control, scheduling, purchasing, and configuration control. Developed and implemented rocket motor and warhead propellant and explosive mixing, casting and cure processes. Developed and implemented assembly and pack-out procedures and accompanying quality documentation. Developed rocket motor testing procedures for Lot Acceptance Testing (LAT). Monitored and inspected the various subcomponents for quality issues.
- January 2001  
to December 2007   **Alliant Techsystems**  
**Rocket Center, West Virginia**
- Senior Development Design Engineer*  
Developed new technologies for use in rocket motor manufacturing. Transferred key technology for bonding a metal closure into a composite rocket motor case from an offsite plant and perfected this bonded end closure technology. This technology was

used on all new rocket motor programs such as RAAM Block II, GMLRS, NLOS, and IM Hellfire.

Authored successful IR&D proposals for gas generators for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor (KEI). Acted as Lead Engineer on KEI gas generator program, developing the initial design through the final successful testing; authored and presented all intermediate design reviews to senior management and customers.

Designed rocket motor cases using alloy steels such as 4130 and 4340 grades, Ti-6Al-4V, and composite materials. Designed case insulators using EPDM rubbers, and also designed nozzles using phenolics, tungsten, and other materials. Familiar with O-rings design and application in high pressure environments.

January 1995  
to December 2000

**Alliant Techsystems**  
**Rocket Center, West Virginia**

*Project Engineer*

Lead engineer for gun launched rocket motors. Developed a discard system to remove rocket motor components from a lethal penetrator after rocket motor operation. To initiate the discard system, developed an electronic timer to signal rocket motor discard at desired time. These components were designed to withstand the high acceleration gun environment (15,000g).

Maintained design authority, developed configuration drawings, presented and defended designs to customers and peer groups, developed testing plans, created and maintained bill of materials, built prototype units, and tested prototypes to verify design.

January 1991  
to December 1994

**Alliant Techsystems**  
**Rocket Center, West Virginia**

*Basic Analyst*

Conducted rocket motor ballistic analysis and thermal structural analysis. Developed innovative numerical propellant burn rate model. Supported production and IR&D programs. Maintained ballistic design authority of key rocket motor programs.

January 1987  
to December 1990

**Alliant Techsystems**  
**Rocket Center, West Virginia**

*Thermal Structural Analyst*

Conducted thermal/structural analysis of aerospace structures. Provided design guidance for SRAM II rocket motor. Tools included the use of finite element analysis (ABAQUS, IDEAS, and other software such as AutoCAD).

## **REGISTRATIONS and CERTIFICATIONS**

Registered Professional Engineer in Alabama (#34100)

Registered Professional Engineer in Connecticut (#33046)

Registered Professional Engineer in Indiana (PE11600217)

Registered Professional Engineer in Kentucky (#27900)

Registered Professional Engineer in Maryland (#31467)

Registered Professional Engineer in Michigan (#6201064001)

Registered Professional Engineer in New Hampshire (#15729)

Registered Professional Engineer in New York (#103195)

Registered Professional Engineer in Ohio (#75822)  
Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania (#PE079007)  
Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia (#0402051102)  
Registered Professional Engineer in West Virginia (#016217)  
NAFI Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI #16707-9045)  
NAFI Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI #16707-9045v)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)  
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)  
National Association of Professional Accident Reconstructionist (NAPAR)  
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Affordable High-Performance Composite Case Rocket Motor Manufacturing,” AIAA-2005 3610, July 2005.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

2016 *Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course*, International Association of Arson Investigators, Crofton, Maryland

2012 *Event Data Recorder Use in Traffic Crash Reconstruction*, Institute of Police Technology & Management, University of North Florida, Rick Ruth, Orlando, Florida  
*Investigation of Appliance Fires Course*, Fire Findings, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
*National Expert Witness Conference*, SEAK, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

2011 *Advanced National Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Training Program*, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Sarasota, Florida  
*Confined Spaces Training*, National Safety Council, Columbia, South Carolina  
*Engineering Ethics Seminar*, Jimmy H. Smith Ph.D., P.E., Professor of Civil Engineering at Texas Tech University and Director of the National Institute of Engineering Ethics  
*Insurance Coverage Issues that Consultants Need to Know*, Richard G. Urquhart, P.E., J.D.  
*Vehicle Dynamics of Passenger Vehicles*, Kenny A. McClure, MSME, PE.  
*Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology Seminar*, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Lexington, Kentucky

2009 *Introduction to Rocket Motor Ballistics*, Alliant Techsystem, ABL